वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री रामनिवास) : मिर्धा) : (क) से (ग) राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम ने अपनी वस्त्र मिलों का आधुनिकीकरण करने का एक प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया है आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के लिए 523.76 करोड़ रु० के परिव्यय का प्रावधान है : एन०टी०सी० मिलों के सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने अभी तक आठवीं योजना के प्रस्तावों को अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया है ।

Closed jute mili$_s$ i$_n$ West *Bengal*

*145. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES b$_e$ pleased to state;

(a) what is th$_e$ number of jute mil]$_s$ locked out/closed in West Bengal a$_s$ o$_n$ 1st July, 1989 and the number of workers affected thereby;

(b) what i$_s$ the total number of jut$_e$ mil's and also th$_e$ numbe$_r$ of workers employed i$_n$ these mills as o$_n$ lsit July, 1989;

(c) what is the total number of jut$_e$ mili$_s$ in West Bengal taken over by the National Jut$_e$ Manufacturers Corporation Ltd., Calcutta and the number of workers employed i^n these mills as'on 1st July, 1989; $_{an}$d

(d) whether Governmnet are considering $_{an}$y proposal to tak$_e$ over some more jute mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRl RAM NIWAS MlRDHA): (a) A$_s$ o$_n$ 1st July, 1989 in West Bengal 19 jute mills wer$_e$ under lock-out/ closure affecting around 64,400 workers.

(b) Total number of jut$_e$ mills in the country is 73 employing approximately 2,50,000 workers. Of these the number of Jut$_e$ Mill$_s$ in West Bengal is 59 employing approximately 3,22.100 workers.

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(c) There are [5] Nationalised Jute Mills in West Bengal managed by National Jut$_e$ Manufactures Corporation employing around 27,998 workers.

(d) No, Sir.

Export **of Copr$_a$**

*147. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE b$_e$ pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are exporting Copra;

* (b) whether Government ar$_e$ charging export duty on it$_s$ considering it as oilseeds; and

(c) if so, what is th$_e$ rate $_c$f export duty being charged and the total amount earned on this account during the year 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE: IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAs MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir. Export of copra is banned.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Purchase of commodities/good$_s$ from India by M/s. A-B- Bofors

*151. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 155 given in the Ra.jy$_a$ Sabha o$_n$ the 3rd November. 1988 and" state;

(a) whether any meeting between M/s. A.B. Bofors and the Stat$_e$ Trading Corporation of India wer$_e$ held recently; and

(b) what are the details of the commodities/goods purchased by M/s. A.B. Bofors till 30th June,, 1989?

THE MINISTER, OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRl P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Two Review Meetings were held by the State Trading Corporation with the representatives of M/s. A.B. Bofor$_s$ recently i$_n$ January, 1989 $_a$nd April, 1989.